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TAGS : PFOR, BA

SUBJECT : GULF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AND U.S.

NAVY PRESENCE IN BAHRAIN

1. GOB FOREIGN MINISTER TELLS ME HE WILL BE LEAVING JULY 11 FOR RIYADH TO ATTEND GULF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. HE SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THIS SESSION PRIMARILY AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET A READING ON HOW SERIOUS THE PROSPECTS FOR SOME SORT OF GULF COMMON SECURITY STRATEGY OR DEFENSE PACT MIGHT BE. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, WHILE FOREIGN MINISTER WELCOMES, AND EVEN PARTICIPATES IN, CURRENT CHATTER ABOUT GULF DEFENSE PACT, HE TENDS TO REGARD IT AS LARGELY GAS.

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2. WE MUST ASSUME THAT AT THIS MEETING HE MIGHT TELL HIS COLLEAGUES

HE IS PREPARED TO SEEK UNDERSTANDING THAT U.S. NAVY WILL LEAVE  
BAHRAIN BY 1977 IF THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO QUEST FOR GULF  
SECURITY COOPERATION. IN A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION JULY 2 I  
GOT CLEAR IMPRESSION FOREIGN MINISTER REGARDS 1977 DATE FOR  
MIDDLE EAST FORCE DEPARTURE FROM BAHRAIN AS A POLICY PLANNING  
DATE SUBJECT TO UNILATERAL GOB REVIEW AS SITUATION IN THE  
AREA EVOLVES. HE NOTED WITH SOME BITTERNESS THAT GOB MIGHT  
NOT BE UNDER SUCH PRESSURE TO LIMIT THE DURATION OF THE MIDDLE  
EAST FORCE PRESENCE "IF OUR BIG BROTHERS IN TEHRAN AND RIYADH  
WOULD STOP WHISPERING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO US IN PALACE  
CORRIDORS WHILE LEAVING US PUBLICLY ALONE TO FACE HOSTILE  
ARAB OPINION".  
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